



Left to right: Mrs. Mary Belch, James Lewis, Mrs. Carole Nance and Howard Campbell.

N.C. Producers Part Of USDA Farm Expenditure Survey

The buying patterns of Tarheel farmers will be an important part of a nation-wide Farm Production Expenditure Survey conducted by the U.S. Department of Agriculture starting in February.

Russell P. Handy, Statistician in Charge of the North Carolina Crop and Livestock Reporting Service, said the survey will show the types and amounts of goods and services farmers buy to produce their crop and livestock products. These purchasing patterns have changed markedly in recent years with a switch to capital investment replacing labor. Farmers are buying more and larger machines, more fuel, and more fertilizer. Handy points out that the survey will help to identify and measure shifts in the use of capital for labor.

Information on farmers' purchasing activities is used to compute the monthly index of prices paid by farmers for food and services, and also for estimating farm income. These indicators are, in turn, used widely by farm program planners, farm organizations,

and others to keep track of how farmers are doing compared with other economic groups.

In North Carolina, approximately 100 producers in seven counties — Avery, Watauga, Moore, Duplin, Martin, Edgecombe and Granville — will be asked to cooperate by supplying details about their 1972 farm production expenses. Nationally, there will be 2,000 interviews in 204 counties. Survey information will be used for regional and national totals and no individual farmer's response will be released.

UP 3.5 PERCENT

In the first nine months of 1972, prices paid by United States consumers increased by 2.5 percent over December 1971. This indicated that the annual overall increase would be about 3.5 percent, says Mrs. Justine Rozier, extension home management specialist, North Carolina State University.

Planting Too Deep Kills Camellias

If given half a chance, camellias will make a good landscape plant for most North Carolina homeowners. To give new transplants this "half a chance," start by planting them correctly.

Camellias are usually planted 6 to 10 feet apart in individual holes. If adequate space is available, North Carolina State University extension horticulturists suggest grouping the plants in threes or fives.

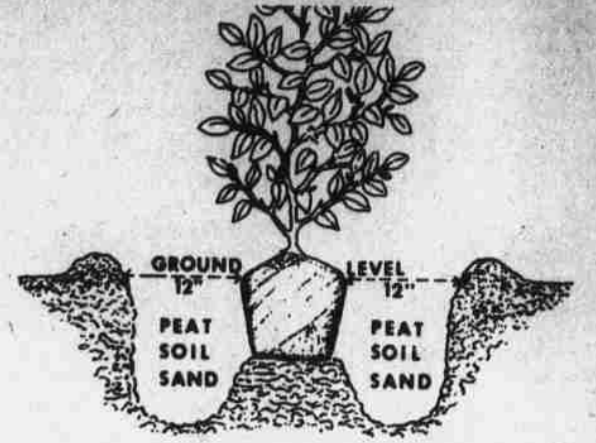
Here are two important precautions:

--Camellias should be located where they will be protected from strong wind and the winter morning sun.

--More camellias are killed from planting them too deep than from all other causes.

The NCSU specialists offer the following seven steps for correctly planting a camellia:

1. Dig a hole 2 feet wider than the rootball.
2. Leave the soil in



THE RIGHT WAY TO PLANT A CAMELLIA.

the center of the hole undisturbed to prevent settling.

3. Place ball on column of soil. Top of ball should be slightly above ground level. Don't remove the burlap.

4. Fill the hole around the rootball with a mixture of equal parts by volume of topsoil, imported peatmoss, and coarse sand. The sand is especially important if your soil is of a clay

loam type.
5. Build a low narrow rim of soil around the plant 3 feet in diameter, forming a shallow saucer, to prevent water from running off.

6. Mulch with 5 inches of pine straw in a 4 to 5-foot circle around the plant to prevent drying.

7. Water well after planting and soak about once a week during dry weather.

Family Planning Program Funded

EDENTON — A comprehensive \$300,000 Family Planning Program for the 10 counties in Region R has been funded. The funding, effective January 1, was announced jointly by Howard B. Campbell and James E. Lewis, chairman and programs administrator respectively, of Albemarle Human Resources Development System, (AHRDS).

At the same time it was announced that Dr. John Crawford of Virginia Beach, Va., has been employed as medical director. Mrs. Mary Belch is coordinator of the multi-county inter agency program and Mrs. Carole Nance is assistant coordinator.

Miss Chris Pederson has joined the program as health educator; John London as counselor; and Audrey Ferebee as outreach supervisor. Mrs. Sandy Mutters is administrative assistant.

Campbell said the Region R program is the only one to be funded in North Carolina; therefore, it will be a pilot program to pattern other regional programs after for the next year. "There actually are only a few programs of such wide scope functioning in the

Demand For Masons

During the past decade there has been a steady increase in the demand for masons. These skilled craftsmen who build with both natural and artificial stone, brick, concrete masonry and many other materials are needed at almost all construction sites. Beginning January 29 and ending March 4, 1973, the College of The Albemarle will conduct a special daytime course in masonry.

This course is open to any person 18 years old or older who is not enrolled in high school. Persons 16 to 18 years old may enroll if they obtain special permission from their local school superintendent; otherwise, there are no educational requirements or any maximum age limit. COA will provide transportation to the classes that meet from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. each school day via the blue and white COA buses which have daily routes from Gatesville, Edenton, and Manteo.

The course will be taught at the COA Annex on Riverside Avenue in Elizabeth City. The instructor will be Philip E. Leary, an experienced brickmason who has taught the course previously. There will, however, be a limited enrollment; therefore, applicants will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. The college will assist in job placement upon completion of the course.

This masonry course is designed to train the individual to enter the trade with the knowledge and basic skill that will enable him to perform effectively. Instruction will be provided in the history of the bricklaying trade, raw materials, basic manufacturing processes and terminology.

Southeastern Region of the United States," Campbell noted.

The chairman explained that AHRDS will merely act as a mechanism to assure inter agency cooperation and continuity of services. By contractual agreements, Campbell said the System can get the job done without breeding another bureaucracy.

Lewis said this is a new concept and one that will benefit the citizens of Region R.

Funding for the first six months was at a somewhat higher level because of renovations necessary at satellite clinics. All existing clinics will be continued, it was noted.

"The idea is to expand these (clinics) to their capacity and then provide new clinics and additional services," Lewis said.

It was pointed out that the Department of Health, Education and Welfare and Carolina Population Center programs were going to be phased out. In the past they have funded a Family Planning Program through the Economic Improvement Council, Inc., in the Albemarle Area.

"The System has come along at a good time to not only keep a program in operation but to offer an expanded program in the field of Family Planning," Campbell said.

All EIC personnel has been absorbed into the System or on local teams. Employment of other team members has begun on the local level. Also, an extensive educational program is being developed.

Lewis said he is extremely pleased with the high degree of cooperation from agencies being experienced by the System.

Dr. Crawford is already holding Family Planning clinics

in the Albemarle Area. Physicians now holding clinics will continue to do so.

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